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Baptist Dissenters Reinstated

RICHMOND (BP) — Many Russian Baptist dissenters were received back into the fellowship of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in a congress (or convention) held in Moscow, recently, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here reported.

A total of 478 delegates and about the same number of guests came from all areas of the Soviet Union to attend the congress.

Though it was the 40th congress of Russian Baptists, it was only the third held during the lives of many present. However, Russian Baptists agreed in 1963 to hold congresses every three years.

A report on the 1969 congress was written by C. Ronald Goulding of London, secretary of the European Baptist Federation, and released by the European Baptist Press Service. Goulding attended the meeting.

After John D. Hughey, secretary for Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Europe and the Middle East for the Board, read Goulding's report he related the history of the Russian Baptist dissenters.

It began after the adoption in 1900 of new statutes by the All-Union Council and a letter of instruction from the council to the churches, both concessions to a tougher Soviet policy on religion. The concessions were unacceptable to some Russian Baptists, and they became known as the initiative Baptists, Reform Baptists, or the Action Group.

In 1961 these dissenters established an organizing committee and formed their own council which they hoped would replace the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

According to a 1959 law, Hughey said, Russian churches are subjected to close supervision and control, and religious activities are severely limited. The law began to be rigidly enforced again about 1959, after a "religious thaw" which began during World War II.

Therefore, the 1960 new statutes for the All-Union Council and the letter (Continued on page 3)

Shaping 70's Clinic To Be Jan. 26-27

Last call is being issued this week by the Baptist Record for the statewide Shaping the 70's Conference to be held Jan. 26-27 at the First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Seventy-three of the 76 associations in the state have indicated their intention to be represented at the conference, according to Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, Sunday School director and state coordinator.

Each association in our state has been invited to send an association team to the state conference consisting of nine representatives.

The Southern Baptist Convention is sending a fifteen-member team to Jackson to lead conferences and provide guidance in the state conference.

Following the state conference each association will return home and conduct an associational Shaping the 70's Clinic.

Each local church will be encouraged to send its church council members to the Associational Clinic. The church council members will then return to their local churches for an interpretation and explanation of materials.



Architect's drawing of proposed new 600-bed Mississippi Baptist Hospital to be constructed on North State Street in Jackson diagonally across street from the present facility.

New Baptist Hospital To Have 600-Bed Capacity

The board of trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital has announced plans to construct a new 600-bed hospital representing an investment of approximately \$25,000,000.

The new hospital will be constructed on the northwest corner of the intersection of North State Street and Manship Street, diagonally across the street from the present building in Jackson.

The decision, made at the quarterly meeting of the board of trustees, was announced by T. Harvey Hedgepeth, president of the board, and by Paul J. Pryor, administrator of the hospital, the largest private general hospital in the state.

They said the present 400-bed hospital will be retained as part of a comprehensive medical complex and will ultimately be transformed into an extended care unit.

They said a 100-bed self-care unit is under construction as still another part of the complex and will open with 50 beds around the middle of the year.

They said the architects will be the Ellerbe Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, which has been associated with the hospital over the past five years in a detailed study for a master plan for long-range growth of the hospital, and the Jackson architectural firm of Barlow and Plunkett. They said contractors and sub-contractors will be announced later.

Hedgepeth and Pryor said the hos-

pital board, at the same quarterly meeting, also gave final approval to a \$2,000,000 fund-development program to help finance the construction of the huge new hospital.

They said this program has been under study for the past three months. They said the board also ratified the appointment of 268 members of the hospital's medical staff.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital was founded as a private institution in 1909 and was taken over by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1911. Its governing board is composed

of 15 members elected by the Baptist Convention.

The hospital began in a seven-room ante-bellum home on the present site. This was replaced in 1914 with a new building which is still part of the north section of the hospital. This original building was enlarged in 1922.

A south annex completed in 1939 is now the middle section. A north annex was added in 1958.

Two large additions — one in 1941 and another in 1953 — expanded the hospital's physical facilities to the present dimensions.

\$15,000 For Nigeria Relief

FMB Urged To Expand In '70s

RICHMOND (BP) — With an outline for progress in the 1970s, the top administrator of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board challenged the board "to move into the decade with a firm determination to press forward steadily."

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, spoke here during the organization's January meeting. He named several ways in which Southern Baptists should strengthen their witness overseas.

Cauthen suggested that the board approach the decade in two five-year periods and aim for an annual net gain of at least 125 new missionaries in the first period.

In the second period an even higher increase in personnel should push the Southern Baptist overseas force to as many as 4,000 by the end of the decade.

Such a rate of growth calls for \$2 million of new money annually, and this means that the current annual

Family Life Meet Ready For Jackson

Thirty-two Mississippians will be among the program personalities at the Mississippi Family Life Conference to be held at Ridgcrest Baptist Church in Jackson Feb. 23-26, according to Dr. J. C. Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, co-sponsoring the conference with Hinds-Madison Association, Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions, and the host church, Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor.

Dr. Bill Causey, pastor Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, is chairman of the associational Christian Action committee.

The Interest Group Workshop participants will be guided by Rev. Harold Kitchings, pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko; Dr. Henry Jacobs, Delta State College, Cleveland; Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor, Northminister, Jackson; Julian Clark, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson; Dr. B. A. Clendinning, Jr., Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor, First, Cleveland; Dr. John Alcorn, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; Dr. Chas. E. Myers, pastor, Alta Woods, Jackson; Dr. Larry Thornton, Delta State College, Cleveland; Dr. Joe Odle, Editor, The Baptist Record, and Rev. Eldie Hicks, pastor, First, Waynesboro.

Other workshop leaders are Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor, First, Hattiesburg; Dr. Fuller Saunders, pastor, Woodland Hills, Jackson; Rev. P. A. Michel, pastor, First, Brookhaven; Rev. Billy McKay, pastor, Madison Church; Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president Carey College, Hattiesburg; Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor, Clark Venable, Decatur; Rev. James Yates, pastor, First, Yazoo City; Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor, Forest Church; Dr. John Traylor, pastor, First Gulfport; Rev. Bill Nimmons, associate pastor and minister of education, First, Starkville.

The conveners for the workshop will be Rev. Rowe Holcomb, pastor, First Hazlehurst; Paul Nunnery, Baptist Children's Village, Jackson; W. R. Roberts, Annuity Secretary, Baptist Building, Jackson; and the following, all of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson: Dan Hall, Music Department; Kermit King, Training Union; Rev. John Alexander, Stewardship; Rev. Elmer Howell, Brotherhood; Rev. Ralph Winters, Student Work; Dr. Foy Rogers, Cooperative Missions; and Misses Emma Cummings, Sunday School.

The participants will be divided into ten sections, according to preference insofar as possible, discussing these subjects: Preparation for Participation in Christian Marriage,

Senior Citizens, Situation Ethics, Family Money Management, Christian Views of Sex Education, Mental Health in the Home, Family Roles in Changing Society, Teenagers in the Home, Biblical Foundations for Marriage, and The Church and the Home.

There is still room for more registrations for the workshops, which necessarily will have to be limited. The workshops will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, with reports on Thursday morning.

General sessions of the conference will be open to the public. Mississip-

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Religious Ed Meeting Set For Biloxi

Dr. Joe B. Rushing, chancellor of the Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, Texas, will be the principal speaker for the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association to meet Feb. 19-21 at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi.

Ronald Mills, minister of education

and youth of First Baptist Church in Natchez, president of the group, says that up to 100 Baptist religious education workers and leaders from every section of the state are expected to attend.

Primary emphasis will be "Innovations in Learning" and "Preparation for the Seventies."

The program has been designed to help meet the needs of those who work with the educational program of the church and also for church secretaries, Mr. Mills said.

Those attending will include superintendents of missions, state workers, college professors, superintendents of missions, ministers of education and church secretaries.

Dr. Rushing is a native of Texas, having been raised in Brown and Comanche Counties. He attended Texas schools and colleges, earning the B.A. from Howard Payne College, his M.A. from East Texas State, and the Ph.D. from The University of Texas.

He began his career in education in 1946 and served as a teacher and (Continued on page 2)

Graham To Speak At SBC National Bible Conference

NASHVILLE (BP) — Evangelist Billy Graham will bring the closing message of Southern Baptist' first Nationwide Bible Conference, to be held March 15-18, 1971, at the Dallas (Tex.) Convention Center.

The conference, sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department and all Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated state Sunday School departments, will feature some fifty Bible scholars and teachers. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the board's Sunday School department, announced.

The scholars and teachers will be enlisted to lead a projected total of 25,000 Bible students in a renewed study of the scriptures, Washburn said. Sessions are planned specifically for persons who are responsible for the Bible teaching program in a church.

A Message For Baptist World Alliance Sunday--February 1, 1970

To Fellow Believers in Every Land: Baptist World Alliance Sunday returns with its reminder of the worldwide fellowship which is ours in the family of Baptists.

Worshipping in our own meeting places throughout the world, we give ourselves in meditation and prayer for the deepening of faith and loyalty to Christ, for the enlarging of our hearts in Christian love, and for the strengthening of our wills to Christian service.

Paul described our blessed fellowship in the words, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:5,6).

He spoke of our mutual responsibility when he wrote, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

He gave us also the blessed news of Christian hope and mission, "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." (II Corinthians 5:19).

Reconciled to God in Christ and reconciled together in divine principle, we recognize we are yet separated by deep divisions in world society.

We recognize the importance to Christ and his kingdom of minority groups in hostile environments. We recognize the sadness of divisions

that separate groups of our family one from the other. We recognize the pain and suffering inflicted for conscience sake.

We recognize the grief and physical suffering of those who are victims of war and natural catastrophe.

We turn in earnest prayer to the sovereign Lord for his help and mercy, his guidance and comfort.

"Reconciliation Through Christ," has been chosen as the theme for the 12th Baptist World Congress, meeting in Tokyo, Japan, July 13-18, 1970.

Reconciliation is more than a matter of slogans and banners. It requires

transformed lives. It is more than an emphasis for the Congress in Tokyo.

It is an imperative for the world. Josef Nordenhaug, the late beloved general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance 1960-69, reminded us that reconciliation with God is at the heart of the gospel.

God is not just the God of nature, but the God of history.

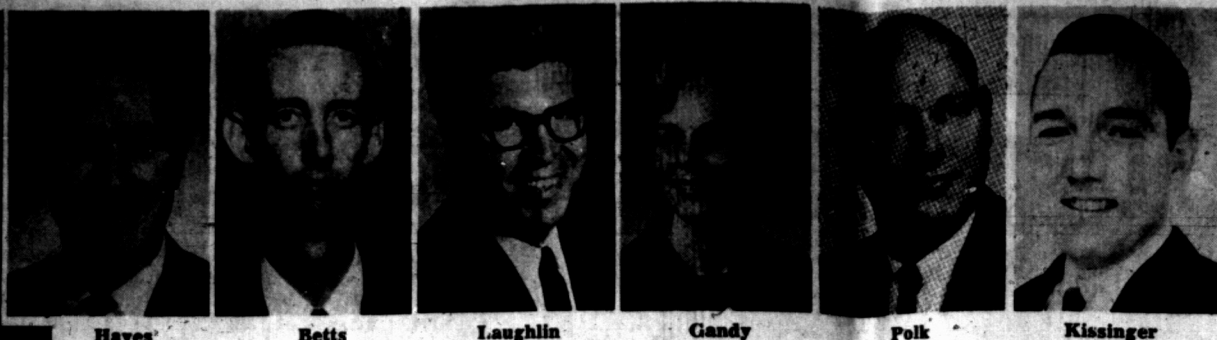
His redemptive purgation came into focus in the incarnation, the cross, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To become fully reconciled to God we must also be reconciled with our fellow men.

This then is our mission, as a fellowship of Baptist believers, to demonstrate the righteousness and love of God revealed in Christ, and to call upon the people of every nation to be reconciled to God.

Now may the God of peace make us perfect in every good work to do his will through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

William R. Tolbert, Jr., President
Robert S. Denny, General Secretary
C. Ronald Goulding, Asst. Secretary
Frank H. Woyke, Asst. Secretary
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE



Music At Evangelistic Conference

R. L. and Beth Sigrest

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Gaskins, minister of music of Hattiesburg, Tupelo, will perform. Instrumental musical meditations will also be rendered by a trio com-

posed of Mrs. Clyde Bryan, Jackson, organist; Mrs. Mike Everett, Jackson, pianist, and Verne Taylor, Laurel, marimba. A musical drama will be rendered

by Mrs. Gandy, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Polk. Congregational song leaders will be Mr. Hall, Dr. McNeely, Mr. Gaskins, Mr. Laughlin and Merv Altman, min-

ister of music, Broadmoor, Jackson. The congregational theme song will be "God of Grace and God of Glory" while the special music theme song will be "Here Is My Life."

ries as they attempt, in the midst of a complex and devastating war, to express their Christian love for the bereaved, homeless, orphaned, maimed, displaced, and hungry people of South Vietnam.

Ridgeland Dedicates Steeple To Major Killed In Vietnam

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, the Ridgeland Church dedicated a lovely steeple given in memory of Major Harry V. Phillips, Jr. who was killed in action in Vietnam. His parents are faithful members of Ridgeland Church. Lynton Younger, pastor. Major Phillips was a real Christian soldier and was killed while piloting a helicopter and carrying out wounded soldiers.



Baptists Minister Amidst Viet Cong Terror

DALAT, South Vietnam (BP) — A stunned and grieving father stood limply against a counter in his friend's small shop and received a few dollars of relief money from a Southern Baptist missionary.

Across the street another stood on the floor of what used to be his home and shop. He received the promise of a new electric sewing machine.

The homes of both were destroyed by Viet Cong less than a week before. The first man, Phan Huu Thuc, lost five of his six children in the blast which left only rubble of his house and damaged several nearby buildings, including the reading room maintained by Baptists. His injured wife was in a hospital.

The wife of the second, Thian Nhu

Anh, was also in a hospital. Five persons were wounded by the mortar which destroyed his tailor shop and house.

An adult member of another family was killed and several additional persons were injured in the same foray.

This was the second recent attack on Trai Mat, village of 3,000 on the outskirts of Dalat, a resort city of 82,000 in the mountains of central South Vietnam.

When the second attack came on Trai Mat, Samuel F. Longbottom Jr., Southern Baptist missionary and evangelism adviser in the area, had about \$200 in relief money on hand so he took part of it to the stricken father.

He was accompanied by Doan Xuan Huy, Dalat policeman and Baptist lay preacher, H. Earl Bengs, Jr., missionary studying the Vietnamese language (Southern Baptist missionaries to Vietnam study language in Dalat), and Walter A. Routh Jr., missionary in the Camranh Bay area.

The small English-speaking congregation in Dalat, made up mostly of Southern Baptist missionaries and their children, gave money for the sewing machine for Anh. He lost two machines in the explosion.

Missionary Longbottom is known to the people of Trai Mat, for he goes there often to preach on the street corner near the destroyed home. He helped Dalat Baptists open the reading room one block away.

The walls of the building in which the room is located are cracked from top to bottom. It is not likely that it can reopen in its present location.

That evening at a missionary fellowship in his home, Longbottom appeared tormented by the plight of the people of Trai Mat. The next day he went back to check on the injured.

There is no Christian church of any kind in Trai Mat. A large Cao Dai

temple stands on a nearby hill. (Cao Dai, a curious blend of religion and politics, came out of orthodox Buddhism.)

The people of Trai Mat are not Christians, and they and others in the Dalat area are harder to reach with the gospel than the uprooted refugees of some areas of South Vietnam.

The contrast seemed obvious, however, between the kind-eyed missionaries who come with a little wad of money for necessities or to check on injured relatives or friends, and the Viet Cong — who destroy their homes, kill their babies, and kidnap their teenage boys guerilla warfare.

The relief money which Longbottom had as station chairman for the missionaries of Dalat was part of \$20,000 which Southern Baptists have made available since 1963 for the relief of suffering in South Vietnam. Most of the money has been used.

The small, isolated incident of relief at Trai Mat is part of the social work ministries of Vietnamese Baptists and Southern Baptist mission-

Baptists Are Asked To Give

"One Day's Pay For World Relief"

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "One Day's Pay For World Relief."

This is the call being made to Baptists of the world as the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance seeks to relieve human suffering in 1970.

William R. Tolbert, president, and Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the alliance, said that Sunday, Feb. 1, has been set as the date for beginning of these gifts. The date is Baptist World Alliance Sunday, observed annually by 30 million Baptists in 120 countries.

"The dollars you contribute from a single day's pay will bring relief from

suffering and a bright ray of new hope to needy people around the world all year long," Dr. Denny said in an appeal to the world's Baptists.

Frank H. Woyke, director of Baptist World Relief, said that his office has reports of human need on every continent. This ranges from natural catastrophes in India and Haiti to war-related tragedies in Nigeria, Congo, Vietnam, and the Middle East. An estimated 11 million to 17 million refugees are in need of resettlement for one reason or another. Food, clothing, shelter and medicine are being supplied as far as possible. Self-help projects such as sewing machines

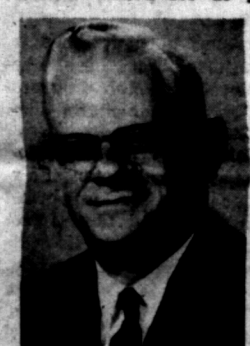
and carpenter tools as designed to help victims regain economic stability.

R. Dean Goodwin, chairman of the Relief Committee, said the appeal implements proposals by the BWA Executive Committee at its meetings in Monrovia, Liberia, in 1968 and Baden bei Wien, Austria in 1969.

Dr. Woyke said that individual contributions should be placed in church collection plates and marked for Baptist World Relief. Treasurers will transmit the funds through regular denominational channels, designated to the world relief program.

Versil Crenshaw, Long-Time Training Union Worker, Dies

NASHVILLE (BP) — Versil Stuart Crenshaw, an employee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for 25 years died here (Jan. 10) following a brief illness.



Memorial services were conducted at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, with burial in Charlottesville, Va.

A native of Virginia, Crenshaw, 64, attended the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

From 1944 to 1963, he served as director of intermediate work in the board's church training department. For the past seven years he had worked as a consultant in the general administration section of that department.

Prior to joining the board's staff, he served as associate and field worker for 19 years in the Training Union department of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He also served three years as director of Training Union work in the Albemarle (Va.) Association. He wrote extensively for the "Training Union Magazine" published by his department and contributed articles to other denominational publications.

1st Houston Calls Pastor

Rev. Harold Halcomb, native of Okmulgee, Okla., who has been pastor of Calvary Church, Cleveland, Texas, for the past five years, has assumed his duties as pastor of First Church, Houston, Miss.

He and his wife, Pat, and their nine-year-old daughter, Teri, arrived in Houston on January 15.

Mr. Halcomb succeeds Rev. Malcolm Jones, now pastor of Monaghan Church, Greenville, S. C. While he was a senior in high school in 1952 he surrendered to preach, and was ordained the following year. His other pastorates have included churches in Bristow, Okla.; Hamilton, Texas; and Lufkin, Texas.

He attended Oklahoma Baptist University two years, and graduated from University of Tulsa. He received the B. D. degree and his wife the M. A. degree from Southwestern University.

He has been active in community work in Cleveland, Tex., where he was president of the Ministerial Association for the past two years.

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principal for four years. After two years of full-time study at The University of Texas, he moved into the area of college administration.

He has held administrative posts at Wharton Junior College, Howard Payne College and Broward Junior College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Community and professional affairs require a large part of his time apart from his duties as a college administrator. He holds membership in numerous professional and community groups and serves on the Boards of Directors of several of them.

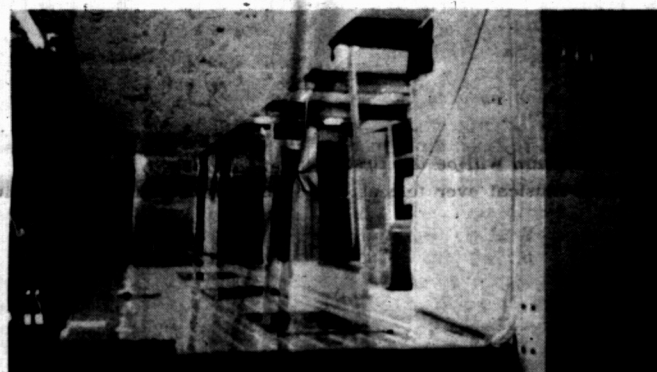
Other officers of the association are: Mose Dangerfield, Clinton, vice-president; Miss Betty Jo Lacey, Hattiesburg, secretary; Paul Padgett, Magee, chorister, and O. D. Randall, Hattiesburg, pianist.

Family Life — — —

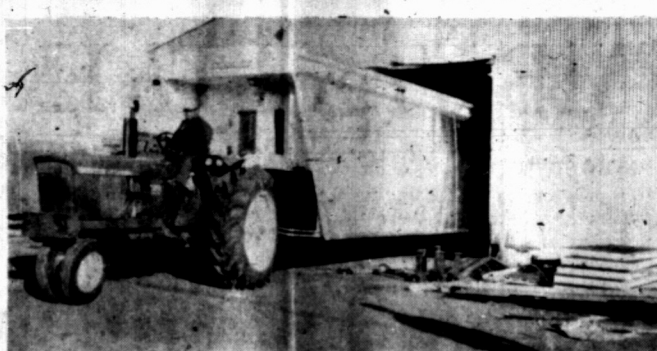
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plans who will serve as resource persons, lead conferences or make addresses include Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. N. W. Carpenter, Jr., head of the Department of Sociology, Mississippi College, Clinton; Rev. A. Eugene Dyess, director, Religious Counseling Center of Mississippi, Jackson; and Rev. David Hicks, director, Baptist Student Union, University of Mississippi, Oxford.

Out-of-state personnel, previously announced, are Dr. Evelyn M. DuCall, Sarasota, Fla., prolific writer and widely-known authority on family life; Dr. Myron C. Madden, director, Department of Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans; Dr. John Christian Howell, professor of Christian Ethics, Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City.



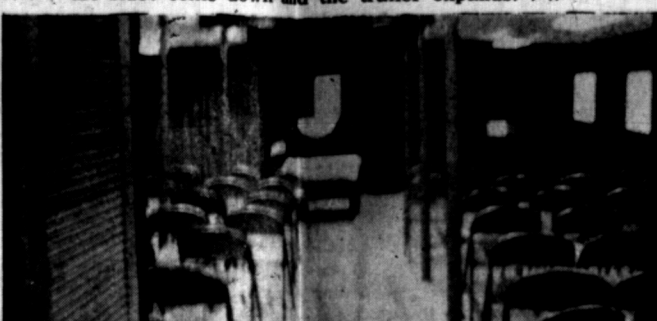
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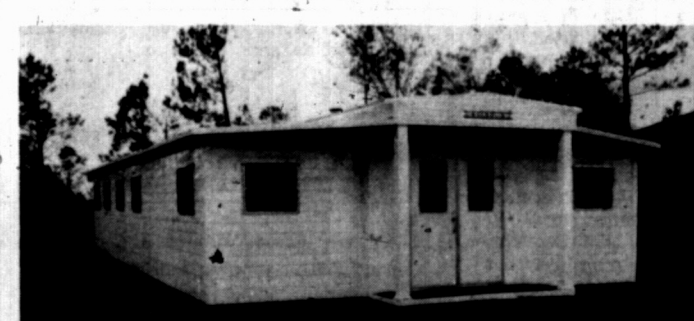
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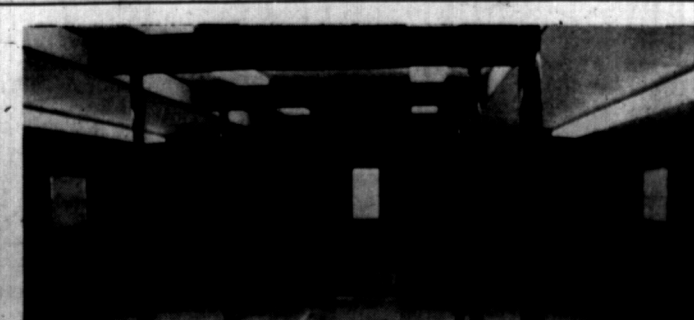
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From Trailer Factory... To Mobile Chapel

In Pearl River County



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enable mission labor to be projected there," Cauthen continued. He asserted that the 1 1/4 billion people of India

In communicating the gospel abroad, Southern Baptists ought to greatly increase their use of publications, Cauthen said, "to fill the vacuum that exists for the Christian message on the printed page." Also, they should seek to develop their use of radio and television with "open-mindedness and creativity."

As evangelists Southern Baptists, "must carry creative efforts forward to the greatest possible degree," Cauthen told the board. "Maybe we need to say what we have been saying in fresh, new formats."

"One of the signal services this board can render is to let it be known that in today's world we address ourselves to the truth of God's redemption in Christ and to calling people to personal, individual decision and discipleship."

The new decade also should bring deeper involvement than ever before in ministering to "the hurt of humanity," Cauthen said, "to apply the gospel of Jesus in ministries of love and mercy to the pain of human reality wherever the message is shared."

Turning to what he called "the work of cultivation," Cauthen said: "We must strengthen all levels of Christian leadership training. We must not restrict Christian leadership to the concept that only the man who is blessed with superior education can function."

The Board has appropriated \$15,000 for relief and rehabilitation ministries in Nigeria.

Relief funds of at least \$10,000 a month will be needed by Baptists in Nigeria during the first half of 1970, according to H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for Africa.

As the war-torn Biafran section of Nigeria fell to federal troops, Dr. Cornell Goerner announced that Baptists expect to play a vital role in the massive relief and reconstruction program which will be necessary in the devastated areas.

"It is impossible to estimate the amount of money that will be called

for in the relief project which should be put underway just as soon as conditions permit," Goerner said.

"Relief money sent to the Foreign Mission Board will be channeled

(organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) to help ensure that the hungry will be fed and the needy clothed and that the homeless will soon be able to sleep under a roof," he said.

A relief team of four missionaries of the Nigerian Baptist Mission has been stationed at Port Harcourt for several months. They have assisted in feeding the hungry and helping to rehabilitate uprooted families.

Other Baptist missionaries have conducted relief operations in the Enugu and Benin City areas.

Approximately \$1,000 per month has been required in both areas, and the missionaries in Port Harcourt recently requested \$5,000 per month. However, Goerner expects that needs will escalate as refugees who had fled return to their homes.

He estimates that at least \$10,000 per month will be needed for the first half of 1970 to meet the needs of Baptists directly involved in relief work.

Goerner expects that other missionaries will now join those already actively engaged in relief operations. No Southern Baptist missionaries are directly involved at present in the distribution of food and drugs on the Biafran side of the battle line.

Until shortly before the capture of the Uli airstrip, Missionary J. Bryant Durham, working in cooperation with other church-connected agencies, was assisting with the distribution of food and medicine not far from the airstrip.

When it appeared that this source of supply would be cut off, Durham flew out with other relief workers. He is expected to be reunited shortly with his family in Rome, Ga.

Baptist churches close to the battle zone on both sides of the conflict have often held services within sound of gunfire. Groups driven from their homes by the fighting have gathered in new localities to hold Bible study and worship services in temporary quarters.

"Reconciliation and reestablishment of unity and cooperation must be achieved," said Goerner, "if Nigeria is to take her place of leadership once again among the free nations of Africa."

"It is our hope that the Nigerian Baptist Convention will be a means of spreading peace, good will and the gospel of Christ throughout the vast nation."

More than 215 Southern Baptist missionaries are under appointment for service in Nigeria, a country with a population of more than 61 million. There are about 80,000 Baptists in Nigeria, according to statistical reports from the Baptist World Alliance.

Currently, about 150 Southern Baptist missionaries are in Nigeria, which has been granting visas to medical personnel but not to general missionaries for several months prior to the surrender of Biafra. Missionaries who have been out of Nigeria for more than one year (except medical personnel) have been denied re-entry visas to Nigeria. It is not known what the end of the war will do to visa policies.

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of instruction to the churches were attempts to find a modus vivendi for Baptists in the Soviet Union. They provided for more control of congregations by the Central body, Hughey explained.

The dissenters considered the new statutes and the letter to be violations of the "Commandment of Christ," and they wrote the All-Union Council, listing the violations and demanding that a general Baptist convention be called. Failing to get the response they desired, they tried to obtain from Soviet authorities permission to hold a Baptist Convention. They were not successful.

The dissenters openly disobeyed the laws on religion and were arrested. The Soviet Press reported many of these incidents, and Russian Baptists got more publicity than ever before.

Hughey said: "The dissenters have been demanding from the authorities rights which are taken for granted in most countries. Such people have in many lands served the cause of Christ and contributed to religious liberty."

"Also, the leaders of the All-Union Council have doubtless done what they regarded as necessary. It has seemed better to them to live with restrictions on religious activities than to run the risk of complete suppression of church life, as is demonstrated in Albania and China."

"The division of Russian Baptists would not have taken place if the government had not reduced their already painfully limited religious liberty. Perhaps the actions of the dissenters were necessary to call attention to the situation. And perhaps the diplomacy of the majority leaders is essential for securing the continuing place of Baptists in Russian life."

"The 1969 convention indicates a growing realization of their need of each other and nourishes the hope of a more generous government policy on religion," Hughey said.

AIR POLLUTION STINKS! And it costs the average Connecticut householder \$800 a year or more, says the Conn. Department of Health. This is the estimate of extra costs to paint the house, keep draperies, rugs, and upholstered furniture clean, and to pay for cleaning the family's clothes not necessary where there is little air pollution. Another study recently completed by the U. S. Public Health Service showed that in terms of reduced property values air pollution costs homeowners up to \$8 million in places such as Washington, D. C. In Chicago, Kansas City, and St. Louis, property values were reduced by as much as \$800 per house. (Everybody's Money, Autumn '69)



Married 65 Years

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Furr, of 1120 Tenth Avenue, North, Columbus, Miss., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 15, 1969. He was Baptist minister in Mississippi and Louisiana for fifty years before retiring from the pastorate ten years ago. At 88, he remains active and has earned the title, "Champion Tomato Grower" in his neighborhood. He has conducted revivals in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, and says, "I hope to continue serving the Lord in any way that He sees ready to use me." The Furs have five children; ten grandchildren, among them two granddaughters married to Baptist missionaries to South America; and 10 great-grandchildren.

DR. CHARLES TREADWAY
of Sunday School Board
Available For Consultation Regarding New Materials
January 23, 1970
At Baptist Book Store



NBC crew turns cameras on Baylor students to videotape scene from Kurt Kaiser-Ralph Carmichael religious folk musical "Tell It Like It Is." The telecast, produced in association with the Southern Baptists' Radio and

Television Commission, will be telecast as an hour-long NBC color special 4:00-5:00 p. m. (EST) Sunday, February 1.

"Tell It Like It Is" To Make Television History

NBC-TV will make television history at 4:00 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 1, when the network presents a one-hour color special, "Tell It Like It Is." The program will be the first religious folk musical ever telecast nationwide.

Performing the musical will be Baylor University's Kurt Kaiser Singers, a scintillating student group that has toured with the show across the South and recorded it under a Word Records label.

"Tell It" employs contemporary rhythm, spoof and satire to get across a spiritual message today's youth.

Lighting and choreography are skillfully utilized to enhance the impact of sound and lyric.

The TV presentation of "Tell It" was arranged by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission. Stevens persuaded NBC religious programming director Doris Ann to consider the possibility of using a religious musical for the network's Feb. 1 Southern Baptist Hour program, the first of four prime-time telecasts allotted by NBC to major faith groups for 1970.

Miss Ann caught a performance of "Tell It" at Baylor, a Baptist school in Waco, Texas, like it and started putting together one of NBC's crack production teams to direct and tape the TV version.

Walter Miller, producer of the Mitch Miller Show, the Barbra Streisand Show and First Tuesday, is the producer-director, working with Miss Ann and with Joe Ann Shelton and Truett Myers of the Baptist Radio-TV Commission.

In the TV presentation, the original script is augmented with readings from contemporary writers to provide opposing viewpoint for the ideas expressed in the musical. Solo parts are done by professionals.

The original "Tell It" is a product of the combined genius of Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser, two of the top names in the modern religious music field.

"Young people today aren't listening to the message presented in the old way," Kaiser says, in explaining the approach taken in the musical, "so we're saying it a new way." Carmichael agrees, adding: "We have to stay relevant."

In its effort to communicate with modern youth in their own sounds and vernacular, "Tell It" initially questions the existence of God and what He is like, then uses Biblical texts to support His existence. After zeroing in on the generation gap and the growing pressures toward con-

formity, it closes with a positive approach to religious truth and bears down on the individual's responsibility and opportunity for a personal relationship with God.

The Baylor young people, with their refreshing faith and exuberance, left an indelible impression with the network producers.

"This is one of the best things I've ever done," director Miller said.

Listed below are the stations in the Mississippi listening area that will carry the program on Sunday, Feb. 1. There is one exception, however. Station WLBT, Jackson (channel 3) will not carry the program until Sunday, Feb. 15 at 4:00 p. m.

Mississippi
Hattiesburg, WDAM 7 — 3:00 p. m. CST; Jackson, WLBT 3 — 4:00 p. m., CTS. (Feb. 15)

Louisiana
Alexandria, WALB 5 — 3:00 p. m.,

CST; Baton Rouge WBRZ 2; Monroe, KTVE 10 — 3:00 p. m. CST; New Orleans, WDSU 6 — 3:00 p. m. CST.

Alabama
Birmingham, WAPI 13; Florence, WOWL 15; Mobile, WALA 10 at 3:00 p. m. CST; Montgomery, WWSB at 3:00 p. m. CST.

Bisagno Called To Houston, First

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—John R. Bisagno, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., which has led the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of baptisms for the past two years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Houston.

Effective February 15, Bisagno will begin work with the 3,700 member

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Nixon Sends Baylor Anniversary Message

versity, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, has received a proclamation from President Richard M. Nixon, citing Baylor for its academic accomplishments and expressing confidence in its growth.

Bearing the Presidential seal and President's signature, the proclamation came as Baylor prepares for the highlight of the anniversary celebration that will be the week of Feb. 1-7.

The proclamation reads: "As Baylor University marks its one hundred and twenty-fifth year of service to higher education, I am pleased to congratulate its students, faculty and friends."

"Baylor can take deep pride in a history that has been marked by steady progress toward the highest standards of academic excellence. For more than twelve decades it has distinguished itself through the productive careers of its many accomplished graduates. And it continues to prepare young men and women for satisfying, constructive futures and community and national service."

"I am confident that Baylor will further enhance its fine reputation in the coming years, and that America will continue to benefit from its achievements."

During the week of Feb. 1 through 7, such personalities as Evangelist Billy Graham; Bill Moyers, publisher of Newsday; William H. Crook, former U. S. Ambassador to Australia and board chairman of Translinea, Inc.; and Francis Robinson, assistant manager of metropolitan opera will speak.

Former Mississippi Worker Accepts WMU Post In Kentucky

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Miss Mary Kathryn Jasper, admissions counselor for Houston Baptist College in Texas, has been named the new executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, effective in September, 1970.

Miss Jasper (will assume the post upon the retirement of Mrs. George R. Ferguson in October.

A native of Somerset, Ky., Miss Jasper previously was Baptist Student Union director at Eastern College, Richmond, Ky., and at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Miss.; youth director for First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.; city-wide Baptist Student Union director in Jackson, Miss.; and director of activities and admissions, Memorial Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Houston.

She is a graduate of Eastern College, and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, (now merged with Southern Seminary), Louisville.

Houston church. During nearly five years here, the Del City church has increased from about 1,000 members to more than 4,000 members and is building what is reported to be the largest church auditorium in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Baptizing 5,000,000 Converts In The Seventies

If this heading sounds startling, just consider for a moment, and realize that we have baptized between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 in each of the past two decades. The proposal, then, is not an impossible task. It means reaching one lost person for each two Southern Baptists, during the next TEN years. How can we be satisfied to do less?

Immediately I can hear someone sneer, "Numbers!" for some do not think that Baptists should go after numbers. But should we? Is not God interested in numbers? Numbers represent people, and the larger the number we win and baptize the more people we are reaching. Will it not be better to reach 5,000,000 during the seventies, than 2,000,000 or 3,000,000? Those extra millions will spend eternity in hell if we do not reach them for Christ.

A Reachable Goal

We are able to win and baptize five million persons in the next ten years. There are far more than that number of lost people all about us, and the number of accountable persons grows every hour. We shall reach 2 or 3 million, if we simply win those children reaching the age of accountability in our own homes. Is that all that we are going to try to do? Will not God hold us responsible if we do not do far more?

How can Southern Baptists reach 5,000,000 in the next ten years? It will not be easy, but it can be done. Here are some suggestions of things which must be done if we are to attain this goal.

Emphasize Spiritual

1. First, we must seek to deepen the spiritual life of our churches. In times like these, we need spirit-led churches, and spirit-led people. Let the pastors determine to lead their people to revival, spiritual revival, that draws people close to God and fills them with spiritual power. This was the challenge of Dr. Huggins to Mississippi Baptists at their recent convention. Let us seek a spiritual renewal of the churches, that will make them powerhouses for God. When the church is on fire, the world will know about it, and will come to see what is happening. This is our first need.

Sunday School

2. We must once more emphasize Sunday School growth. The Sunday School, as promoted by Southern Baptists, has been the mightiest force of witnessing outreach ever used by the churches in finding people, bringing them under the influence of the church and the Bible, and winning them to Christ. In those periods when the convention was experiencing Sunday school growth, the number of baptisms increased. In periods of Sunday school decline, the number of baptisms also grew smaller. Here then is a key. Let us build great Sunday schools, and we cannot keep from baptizing more people. Why shouldn't we reach millions more for Bible study in the next decade? We have the textbook, the Bible. We have the methods. We have the buildings. We have the teachers. The prospects are all about us. Let us launch out now to build our

Sunday school enrollment and attendance, every year during this decade. This will help enable us to baptize 5,000,000.

Training Witnesses

3. There is a third thing which is essential, the training of the witnesses. This has been one of the weakest points in Southern Baptist evangelism. We have told our people that God wants them to be witnesses, and they are ready to be witnesses, but we have not taught them how. Soul winning witnessing is something that almost any born-again Christian can learn. Recently in Nashville, Southern Baptist state evangelism leaders were challenged to set up a program of training in soul winning, such as we never have had before in most churches. A Presbyterian pastor from Florida told of how that individuals in his congregation were taught personally, and that now they had nearly 300 trained soul winners. It is true that a few pastors and churches have used such plans, and the results have often been phenomenal.

Train 50,000 Winners

Southern Baptists could train 50,000 soul winners in the next three or four years (that is only 1 1/2 per church), and they alone could win 5,000,000 people in the remaining years of the seventies. The Florida minister used the illustration of how a person learns to fly an airplane. He said that you cannot learn to fly a plane in a class room. You must get in the plane, sitting alongside an instructor who knows how to fly, and let him teach you. Soul winning training must be done in the same way. Pastors must themselves become proficient in witnessing, and then must take leaders with them one by one and train them. Usually it will take months of visitation in order to train an efficient witness. But it can be done.

We understand that Southern Baptist evangelism leaders are going to promote this as one of the plans of action for the seventies. If they do, this will be another giant stride toward our reaching 5,000,000 for Christ in the seventies.

Emphasize Evangelism

4. Certainly we must continue the methods already effectively used in the past. Preachers must preach for souls. Teachers must teach to win people to Christ. Churches must pray for souls. Revival and evangelistic crusades must be held, in the churches, and in larger cooperative efforts, such as associational - wide, or city - wide meetings. The day of evangelism is not past, despite what the liberals tell us. We still can have mighty spiritual victories when we meet God's conditions.

If we do all of these things, and others in which the Holy Spirit may lead us, we will reach not just 5,000,000 souls in the seventies, but perhaps many more. If we fail, then one well could predict that Southern Baptists are about to enter a period of decline from which they may never recover.

If we want to "shape the seventies" let us make them the greatest period of soul winning our denomination ever has known.



"FOR THEY HAVE SOWN THE WIND, AND THEY SHALL REAP THE WHIRLWIND" - HOSSEA 8:7

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Criticize Action MC Trustees, Convention President

Dear Sir,

Pleasant Ridge Church (Chickasaw Assn.), the pastor with all members, oppose the action of the Mississippi College trustees. We feel that they have betrayed the sacred trust that has been put into their hands, when they agree to abide by the HEW guidelines in the matter of integration. We believe with all our hearts in the separation of church and state. We urge these men to rescind their action on this matter.

We also want it to go on record that we as a church oppose the action of the Mississippi Baptist Convention president, when he ruled out of order a resolution brought to the floor of the convention, regarding the action of these trustees because of the word "instruct." We feel that we as a convention have the right to instruct these men to carry out the will of the convention, and if we do not have the right to instruct these men to carry out the will of the convention, then they are not worthy of our support. If we have too many schools to support, then we feel that we need to disperse

with some of them, and support what we can. Because of this action on the part of our president we must change our means of support to the Cooperative Program, unless this be changed.

Pastor and members of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church (Chickasaw Assn.)
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Woodland, Miss. 39776

ON THE MORAL SCENE

Half of the American people cannot afford to buy a new home, yet future population needs require one new city every month until the turn of the century. George Romney, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUB), said recently, "We face reform or revolution," he declared in urging the real-estate industry to help alleviate housing barriers. Magnificent downtown buildings do not help those who live in blighted residential areas, he said. The secretary added that 50 percent of the population cannot afford to buy homes because of tight money and high interest rates. But he predicted a need to accommodate 100 million more people by the year 2000. (Louisville Times, 11-12-69)

If you could get by on \$5,000 in 1968 you need to earn \$6,332 in 1969 to have the same purchasing power. Inflation has made living more expensive. If you got \$10,000 in 1968 you have to get \$12,543 in 1969 to stay even. Ice cream cones cost more too. Some parents in Canada are complaining that the lowest-priced ice cream cones are too large for their children. Inflation has eliminated the smaller sizes and prices. Car costs like everything else are on the rise. The American Automobile Association in a new pamphlet, "Your Driving Costs," figures that it now costs 14.5 cents a mile to operate a car for the first 10,000 miles. A couple of years ago the costs worked out to about 11 cents a mile. (Everybody's Money, Autumn '69)

Shoppers spend 23 cents out of every dollar in the grocery store for nonfood items, such as household supplies, health and beauty aids, soft drinks, pet products, cigarettes, housewares, and magazines. (Everybody's Money, Autumn '69)

To be a responsible Christian before God and in the church one must exercise his grace - gift for the common good. He is not a mere spectator, but a participant in the life and work of the church. — Henlee Barnette in "Has God Called You?" Broadman Press.

ing up for any trip individuals should be sure of just what the tour offers, and that there are no hidden costs, such as the airline fares from here to the West Coast. Some tours we have seen advertised include this cost, while others do not. Another reason for making decisions now is the necessity to secure passports, visas, medical checks, etc.

We hope that Mississippi can be well represented at this world meeting of Baptists. This representation should include both preachers, and laymen and women. Those who do plan to attend, and churches planning to send their pastor, would do well to act now.

EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

Potpourri: Toward the Seventies

Students and young blacks hold the key to the strikingly different and newly emerging world order. T. E. McKinney, Howard University.

Higher education can no longer be regarded as a privilege for a few, but must be seen as a right for the many. Julian Bond, Georgia State Senator.

The way to judge a college president is by the quality of the trouble he causes. William M. Birembaum, President of Staten Island Community College.

There seems to be a false equation regarding pressure and violence. If it comes from the trustees, it's pressure. If it comes from the students, it's violence. Robert D. Cross, Swarthmore College.

To provide for an orderly and regular turnover in the membership of the new ideas and viewpoints on matters trustees and for regular infusions of new ideas and viewpoints on matters before the trustees, Columbia University's board of trustees has eliminated life terms by establishing six-year terms for all new members.

Total enrollment in the United States colleges and universities this fall is 7,750,000. Enrollment increased only 3.3% this year, compared with increases of 8% to 10% last year.

Numerous tour groups have been announced and almost any kind of trip a person desires is available. There are short trips which take in only the week of the Alliance, trips which include visits to other parts of Japan and such places as Honolulu, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other East Asian countries, and trips which go on around the world. Also tour operators offer complete arrangements for individual travel to the meeting.

Advertisements of several proposed Mississippi tours have appeared in the Baptist Record. The costs depend on the length of the trip, and the type of accommodations being offered. Before sign-

The Broadman Bible Commentary

Vols. 1 and 5 (Broadman, \$7.50 per volume)
Purchase of first 10 volumes provides last two free.
This is a review of Volume 1

Several years ago Southern Baptists instructed the Sunday School Board to publish a new commentary. Since it was about the time that there was a great deal of discussion about liberalism, it is probable that most of those voting for the preparation of the new set, had in mind that it would be a "conservative" commentary, unlike some of the "liberal" ones which were coming from the presses. Those who had that in mind, will be surprised when they begin to use this set. It is not a "conservative" commentary, in the sense that most Southern Baptists think of conservatism, and those who purchase it need to know what they are buying. If the first volume is typical, then the set follows much of the thinking of those who use the historical-critical method of Bible study, and accepts the Documentary Theory concerning the Pentateuch.

Reviewing the new books in one state paper, a well known liberal among Southern Baptists says, "The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has vindicated Toy and Elliott, and projected a resounding No! to the views espoused by W. A. Criswell of Dallas. The Convention is finally on the road to genuine admission of biblical scholarship which will lead inevitably to understanding of the Bible in terms of men like Eichrodt and Bultmann." (Robert S. Alley in The Religious Herald, November 13, 1969) (Both Toy and Elliott were dismissed from positions as teachers in Southern Baptist seminaries primarily because of their liberal views.)

A conservative scholar in a college in the North, writes concerning the books, "A surprising and, to this reviewer, disappointing feature of the commentary is the view of inspiration and the non-conservative position on matters of higher criticism held by the contributors. If these two volumes are an indication, it is apparent the Board of Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention has taken its stand against the conservative views of its former stalwarts, John R. Sampey, John A. Broadus, and A. T. Robertson, and for the liberal-evangelical views of many modern scholars." (Dr. Steven Barabas, Wheaton College, in Christian Life Magazine, October, 1969).

Other conservative reviewers give similar evaluations of the set, and there is reason for it. On page after page one finds the historical-critical position of liberal scholarship. "Verbal" inspiration and "Plenary" inspiration are criticized as being unacceptable, and "Dynamic" inspiration is defended as creating the fewest problems. Apparently this theory means that the teaching of the Scriptures on redemptive matters is reliable, but admits or claims recognition of errors, contradictions and discrepancies in the text.

The volumes do admit that not all scholars accept these positions, but declare that most modern scholars follow them. It is our opinion, from the conservative scholars which we have read, that every objection to verbal and plenary inspiration can be refuted. Those refutations are not presented in these books.

The writers reject the Mosaic Authorship of the Pentateuch. One reads of "prehistoric man at the time of Adam," and the liberal claim that "Adam, like original man in other

Near Eastern texts, is a representative man, all mankind poured into one individual." We wonder what that writer does with Romans 5:12, which says that "by one man sin entered the world." The commentary says that archeology has "discovered prehistoric man and made untenable the simplistic medieval view of the origin of man."

The writer on Genesis says, "Genesis 1 abides as a glorious proclamation, not of science, but of faith." Concerning the flood the writer says, "For many persons the moral question is even more disturbing (than the extent of the flood). Is God such a being that he would destroy the first mankind and so bring his first experiment with man to an untimely end?" The author raises the same question concerning the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in the days of Lot, and hints that the turning of Lot's wife into a pillar of salt, was based on the fact that salt pillars are common in this area. The call of God to offer Isaac on the altar of sacrifice is denied as coming from God but is said to be simply an idea in Abraham's mind caused by a psychological condition in his thinking. The author also seems to approve the suggestion that God was trying to lead Abraham away from the concept of human sacrifice. The author of the Exodus commentary suggests that Moses probably did not actually see a burning bush but that this story was simply a Jewish method of describing a great experience with God. Questions are raised concerning the Pillar of Cloud and Pillar of Fire which led Israel, as to whether it actually existed or that this simply is figurative language. The idea that a volcano may have lighted the sky is advanced as one solution. The author does not make clear his position on this particular matter. However, the author does say concerning the crossing of the Red Sea that he knows of "no completely acceptable natural explanation."

The books use extensively the J.E. P.D. theories of varied authors or sources for the material in the Pentateuch, and continually divide passages, saying that this part came from J, another from P, another from D, etc. of course, this is the critical explanation of the origin of these scriptures, and is not to be followed.

We respect the authors of these books as Baptists and as scholars, but we would make it very clear to those who are considering buying them, that this first volume is not written from the conservative point of view, and teaches the same things that the liberals teach, although probably not with the same emphasis. However, some of the general articles of introduction are splendid, and show more conservatism than others. Perhaps this material can be used by the scholar trained to know how to deal with Biblical criticism, but it will raise serious questions for others. We could wish that the volume, and the set had been written from the more conservative point of view which is still held by many respected scholars. If this first volume reveals what young preachers of today are being taught, then the authority of the Bible as the inspired, infallible Word of God, soon will cease to be a Baptist doctrine.

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE PULPIT — C. H. Spurgeon's Sermons

(Pilgrim Publications, Pasadena, Texas, 1961 Volume, 632 pp., \$6.75).

A Texas publishing group has begun the monumental project of republishing what has been called "the greatest sermon set in Christian history." The books are a reprint of the original 56 volumes which were printed from the weekly publication of the messages as they were delivered. The publication schedule calls for three volumes in 1969, 15 to 18 volumes in each of the two years 1970 and 71, and completion of the set in 1972 or shortly thereafter. The whole set of 56 volumes can be purchased at \$5 a volume if ordered with cash (\$280.00 plus \$14.00 postage for the 56 volumes). The books also may be bought in sections at \$73.50 per section of 14 books each, plus \$3.50 postage. The first volume will be accompanied by a biographical picture booklet of the great preacher. This in itself is a treasure of material on one who perhaps is one of the greatest Baptist preachers of history. This 1861 volume contains 78 sermons by Spurgeon preached between December 2, 1860, and December 22, 1861, and the messages are in the order of their delivery as taken down in shorthand by his secretary. Few preachers ever have lived who preached the whole Word of God as ably and effectively as did Charles H. Spurgeon, and the preacher or church owning this set will have one of the finest libraries of sermons to be found anywhere in the world. We hope that the publishers have included in their plans the publication of a complete index which will make this wonderful set a usable tool in the hands of those who own it.

THE ZONDERVAN TOPICAL BIBLE (Edited by Edward Wiesing)

(Zondervan, 1114 pp., \$9.95).

This is a remarkable reference book for the desk of the preacher, teacher or other Bible student. Nearly 6,000 subject listings, with over 21,000 subjects and sub-subjects, and over 100,000 scripture references, with tens of thousands of them printed in full. In addition definitions are given concerning persons, places, objects and events, and latest archeological information is included where needed. Truly a digest of the scriptures, topically analyzing the Bible into subjects, but also outlining those subjects and defining them where necessary. It would be difficult to comprehend just how much time this book will save the one who is studying subjects in the light of the Bible, or how many ideas and suggestions he will find here.

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Your Pastor Should Attend

The annual evangelistic conference is at hand. Because of the destruction of Gulfshore Assembly, the meeting usually held there, will this year be in the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Feb. 2-3. Pastor Beverly Tinnin, and his people, along with other churches and pastors of that city, and the Associational Mission staff led by Rev. Leon Young, are getting ready for the pastors and church leaders who will come from all across the state.

A splendid program has been prepared, and Dr. Huggins, reports that he feels that everything is ready for a great meet-

ing. Dr. Gordon Sansing, former Director of the Department of Evangelism for the State Convention Board, and now pastor at First Church, Grenada, will direct the conference. A splendid program has been planned and many high hours are anticipated.

The annual evangelistic conference often is called the "Preacher's Revival" and we should all pray that it truly be that this year. A new surge of evangelism is needed as we enter the 70's, and this meeting well could launch it. Churches all over the state should make it possible for their pastor to attend.

Make BWA Plans Now

The 1970 session of the Baptist World Alliance will be held in Tokyo, Japan, next July 12-18. The program has been announced, and plans are being completed for what is expected to be one of the greatest meetings of world Baptists ever held. It is a large, since the de-

mand for hotel rooms is unusually great.

If you plan to attend the meeting, or if your church plans to send the pastor, now is the time to complete arrangements. Reservations and schedules must be completed soon, since there is much demand for the space, both on the airlines and in the hotels.

A Program Of Witness To Jews

Missionary evangelist, Perrin Cook, Southern Baptist, for years a pastor in Kentucky, Alabama, and Mississippi, felt called of God to give his life to Jewish Evangelism with the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

This Jewish Mission is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York to promulgate the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ among the Jewish people of the world. It was established by the Lord through Leopold Cohn in 1894. He became convinced through the study of the Scriptures that Jesus was the prophesied Messiah. He made his profession of faith and united with a Baptist church in Brooklyn, New York. He was led to the following verse of scripture which is the theme of the work. . . "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek." —Romans 1:16.

Today, there are Beth Sar Shalom Hebrew Christian Fellowship Centers in the major cities of the Nation, South America, Canada, Israel, and Europe. Mr. Cook is missionary in charge of the South Central District, including the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, part of Louisiana and Kentucky. He will be in charge of setting up and operating the Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He also has a ministry of deputation with the churches upon invitation to help inform and motivate the people of God so that their hearts are won to the cause of Jewish Evangelism, and that they become personally involved in praying, giving, witnessing, and helping in the

cause that Jewish people might be saved.

His ministry in the churches consists of going with Christians who are witnessing to Jewish people and helping them to win their friends to discipleship in Christ. He also conducts seminars in churches sharing his specialized training in Jewish witnessing. He uses the textbook, *How To Witness Simply and Effectively To The Jews*, recently published under the authorship of Rev. Martin Meyer Rosen, missionary in charge of the Manhattan Branch and director of missionary recruiting and training.

Other ministries in the churches include the pulpit presentation, *Christ In The Passover*. The table is set, the costume is donned by the speaker. "All of the accoutrements are set forth to explain the Christian significance of the Jewish Passover Feast as it has been observed in orthodox homes since the time of the Babylonian captivity. Christian people may gain through this presentation marvelous new insights into the Lord's Supper. One can see exactly what Christ meant when He said that His body was bread and His blood was wine," explains Mr. Cook.

This Christian Passover is observed annually in the First Baptist Church of Dallas. Mr. Cook was there with Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dr. Tom McCall of the Dallas Center, Dr. Daniel Fuchs, Executive Secretary of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and Dr. Charles Feinberg, Dean and Professor of Talbot Seminary, for the Passover Supper last March. Dr. Criswell feels that

every Southern Baptist Church, regardless of size, should have the opportunity of participating in this unique service and has written a letter to this effect to be mailed to Southern Baptist pastors. There were one hundred ninety Jewish people at this supper in Dallas, and some have made professions of faith since.

Christ Among The Jews is a vivid missionary message of how God is working among the ancient Chosen People. "In communities where there are Hebrew Christians, we can get them to come and tell of their Christian experience," states Mr. Cook. *Christ In A Film Testimony, 'I Found My Messiah'*, is an excellent sound, color film available with an introduction by one of our speakers. It is a step by step episode of how a Jewish man returning from the Army struggles to find truth about Christ. The family conflict and how it is resolved will give Christians some idea of what it costs a Jew to choose Christ. *Christ In Prophecy* is a message or series of messages on the role of the Jewish in prophecy which will give the people of the churches some idea of what they can expect in the future. The "Blessed Hope of Christ's return will be more real as people are made aware that God's Time Clock, Israel, is once again ticking after nineteen centuries of silence. Bible conferences of three to four days can be arranged with speakers from the Manhattan Center under the direction of Dr. Emil D. Gruen."

"Never before in Israel's history has the Jewish person been in sorer need of the Gospel," Mr. Cook declares. "There are Jewish people who are

adrift from the moorings of their Old Testament. The foundations of his ancient faith are crumbling under the attacks of anti-Semitism and the memories of the Nazi persecutions. Bewildered and misled by the emptiness of Judaism and the false aims of Zionism, he is on the hunt for something to replace what he has lost. Thousands of Jews are drifting into other cults and sects.

"There never was a more opportune time to press the claims of the coming Messiah and His glorious promises of salvation, eternal life, forgiveness of sins through the atoning work and the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Jewish person is approachable. Some are turning to salvation in Christ.

"You are needed now. Remember the words of our Lord, 'Freely you have received. Freely give'." "The fields are white unto harvest."

Specialized, trained help is available now. This personal ministry is new in this area, but works in cooperation with the Southern Baptist ministry. It is a unique ministry. It is face-to-face witnessing as contacts are made through house-to-house visitation, outdoor meetings, Bible classes in homes and churches, and scheduled preaching in the centers. There is only one way of salvation.

A good part of Mr. Cook's time will be set aside to help the churches where the need arises and the Lord opens the door. He spent some time in Mississippi last year contacting churches and setting meetings. He can be contacted by writing either the New York Headquarters — 236 West



REV. PERRIN COOK, missionary-evangelist with the American Board of Missions to the Jews, makes the pulpit presentation, "Christ in the Passover." The table is set. The speaker dons the costume. All accoutrements are set forth to explain the Christian significance of the Jewish Passover Feast as it has been observed in orthodox homes for hundreds of years.

72nd Street — New York, N. Y. 10023
4110 Chippewa Place N. E., Nancy Creek Heights, Atlanta, Georgia 30319 (telephone 1-404-457-3708)
or at his home in Atlanta. After February 1, his address there will be

Calendar Should Include 70—70 Launch Dates

Churches that are planning their 1970 calendar of activities should consider including the dated event in the 70-70 LAUNCH project, according to Bryant M. Cummings, director, state Sunday School Department.

This project proposes the use of seventy days this fall to launch the Sunday School program of the 70's. It will follow the Shaping the 70's preparation period in the spring and summer months and will set into effective motion the restructuring and organization of the Sunday School.

The six phases of the project and the suggested dates are outlined below:

September 13-19: Visit every member and every prospect, delivering the new Bible study materials. Teachers and department officers would be asked to make these visits.

September 20-25: Conduct Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week. Study the appropriate Sunday School administration or guiding books and review all new plans to be put into effect.

September 27: Have promotion emphasis, using assembly periods to inform members of adjustments in organization, new literature, new officers, changes in terminology, etc. Describe the movement to take place the following Sunday into the new classes and departments.

October 4: Observe Launch Day. Make this high attendance day, with appropriate recognitions. Recognize workers with long service and introduce new officers and teachers.

Present plans for a six-week outreach enrollment emphasis.

October 4 to November 14: Conduct an intensive outreach enrollment emphasis, making the best use of new materials, new people elected to carry out the outreach work of the church, and new motivation for reaching people. Visit every church member not enrolled in Sunday School. Seek to enroll every prospect.

October 15-21: Climax the 70-70 LAUNCH with specific witness to persons in need of Christ and the church. If desired, follow with fall revival.

Covington Elected To Personnel Post

Robert C. Covington, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Carbon Hill, Ala., was elected a regional representative for missionary personnel by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its January meeting. He is a former Southern Baptist missionary to Malaysia.

Covington will counsel with persons interested in foreign missions and channel qualified volunteers into the screening procedures leading toward missionary appointment. Headquartered in New Orleans, he will represent the board throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and southern Arkansas.

Covington is filling the vacancy left by Melvin E. Torstrick who became an associate secretary for missionary personnel in June 1969.

Home Missions Study

Mission Northeast

Mission to the Northeast is the Home Mission Board study emphasis for spring, 1970.

Adults and young people will study



ROBERT BRINDLE is a pastoral missionary in Burlington, Vermont. Vermont and all of the northeastern United States is the target area in the Home Mission Board study series this spring. (Home Mission Board Department of Audio Visuals, Photo by Don Rutledge)

"Mission: The Northeast," by Leonard E. Hill, managing editor of The Baptist Program.

"Assignment: Boston" has been prepared for intermediates. The book was written by Dallas M. Lee, news editor for the Department of Editorial Service of the Home Mission Board.

The Focus — 10 age group will study "Trails From Rogues Island" by Edith P. Lawrence, director of church extension ministries for the Baptist General Association of New England. Primaries — the primary book is "A Church for Debbie and Dan," by Mrs. Martha G. Lowe.

Visuals aid prepared by the Board's Department of Audio Visuals are now available at Baptist Book Stores.

A filmstrip, "The Northeast: Mission Possible" may be used with Focus — 10 through Adults. The packet includes a teaching manual and a record. The cost is \$4.50.

A tape recording of Intermediate-Adult and Focus-10 narrations may be purchased directly from the Board at \$2.50.

"Why Can't we have a Church?" is a filmette designed to help children understand where the church came from. The 12 frame color film, plus narration, may be used with primaries.



WINTER-TIME—Late lies the wintry sun abed, a frosty, fiery sleepy-head; blinks but an hour or two; and then, a blood-red orange, sets again. Black are my steps on silver sod; thick blows my frosty breath abroad; and

tree and house, and hill and lake, are frosted like a wedding-cake.—Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)—Canadian Rockies, Alberta Government Photo.

SCRAPBOOK

January

I block the roads, and drift the floods with snow;
I chase the wild-fowl from the frozen fen;
My frosts congeal the rivers in their flow,
My fires light up the hearths and hearts of men.
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

I Know Not What The Year

By Avis Herrod Brown
What the next year will bring — I know not.
I know my heart will sing — Why not?
Sing, because it is so filled with joy.
Sing, though Satan strives to annoy.
Sing, for I'm very thankful for all things
Whether the sun is shining, or it rains!
Sing to my Saviour who is above
For His matchless and tender love.
Sing, for He grants me strength each day
To move around and serve Him in His way.
Sing, because compassion fills my heart so.
To pray, and pray for everyone, everywhere I go!
Sing, that God has given me another year to live
For I'm happiest when I can lovingly give.
Sing, when I can give of myself and all I have
Sing, when all the praise and glory can to my Saviour fall.
This is why I say my heart will sing
Sing, yes sing, for I possess such a deep, deep burning —
A yearning to see more acquire God's sweet peace —
Sing, how my heart will sing —
Not because I'm expecting great personal gain.
O there'll be such singing, singing, singing!
A yearning to see more acquire God's sweet peace —
Sing, how my heart will sing —
For that is my heart's desire more than anything —
So my heart through the new year must gladly sing —
Sing, for it can be a year we have never known
God's precious seed must be sown
Sing, sing my heart despite all ill winds that blow
Someday there'll be a harvesting we know.
So heart of mine, though I know what the year will bring
I know my heart will daily sing; sing! sing! —Romans 8:29; Psalm 124.

The Master

By Beth M. Applegate
His sandals, dusty feet
Walked this rough, stony street.
He stopped by this deep, moss-grown well
To quench his thirst, a tale to tell.
His voice in this hot, mud-walled place
Put joy upon a sick man's face.
Small children gathered by his side
"Suffer them to come," he cried.
He spoke but gentle words. He set no fee.
Yet minds caught fire! He lives for all eternity!

The Price Of Peace

By Ben C. Scarborough
John 14:27
I sought for peace throughout the world
By looking high and low
And tasting the varied ways of life
But no peace did I know.
I traveled pleasure's primrose path.
Tried all it had to give
But while in pleasure's perturbed bath
In torment I did live.
I walked the road of earthly fame;
My name in lights did shine;
But from the world's loud long acclaim
No peace of soul was mine.
I climbed the rim of a barren hill
Outside a city gate
And kneeling there beside a cross
Found Peace's high estate.

A Little Kingdom

A little kingdom I possess,
Where thoughts and feelings dwell;
And very hard the task I find
Of governing it well.
I do not ask for any crown
But that which all may win;
Nor try to conquer any world
Except the one within.
—Louis May Alcott (1832-1902)

Sad Winter

In winter, when the dismal rain
Came down in slanting lines,
And Wind, that grand old harper, smote
His thunder-harp of pine.
—Alexander Smith (1830-1907)

Frost Shall Freeze

Frost shall freeze; fire melt wood;
Earth shall blossom; ice shall bridge,
Shell roof the water, woodroofs lock
Earth's budding growth. But One shall unbind
The fetters of frost, the Almighty God.
Winter shall pass, fair weather return.
The sun-hot summer, the rosiest sea.
—Eighteenth Century Anglo-Saxon poet

Snow

In the range of inorganic nature, I doubt
If any object can be found more perfectly
Beautiful than a fresh new snowdrift, seen
Under warm light.—John Ruskin (1818-1900)

Dutch Winter

Oliver Goldsmith wrote to his uncle from
Leyden, Holland, 1794, about winter there:
"Every house is forsaken and all people are
on the ice. Skis drawn by horses and sleds
are . . . the reigning amusements. They
have boats here that slide on the ice and
are driven by the wind. When they crowd
all their sails they go more than a mile and
a half a minute."

Verse For The Week

Hast thou heard a word against thy
neighbor, Let it die within thee, trusting that
it will not burst thee.—Ecclesiastes 10:12

Not An Evil

The winter, with its snow and ice,
is not an evil to be corrected. It is as it is
designed and made to be, for the artist has
had leisure to add beauty to the scene.—M. D.
Thoreau, Journal, Dec. 11, 1849

Worst Winter

The winter of 1779-80, during which General
Washington and his colonial troops fought
the British in New Jersey, was probably the
worst winter of the eighteenth century, from
a weather standpoint. Snow succeeded snow;
four in November, seven in December, six in
January including one blizzard, four in February,
six in March, and one in April.

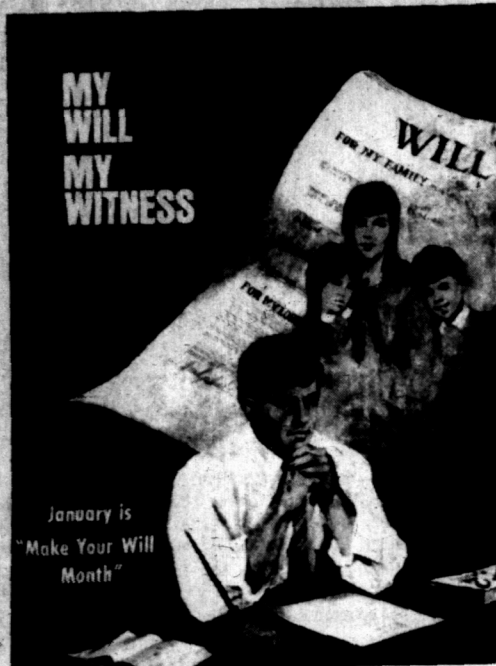


MID-WINTER—In the bleak mid-winter, Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter, Long ago.—Christina Rossetti (1830-1895)—Carrier and Ives print, photo courtesy of Nationwide Insurance.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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Increasingly people are writing Wills whereby some part of their estate will come to the Foundation and give added support to the Lord's work long after they have gone to be with Him?

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LIFE INSURANCE

PROPOSED BYLAWS OF MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

(To Be Presented at State WMU Convention)

Article I.

NAME: The name of this organization shall be Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Article II.

OBJECT: The object shall be to promote Christian missions through the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union in the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Article III. Relationships:

Section 1. Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union shall cooperate with the Mississippi Baptist Convention in the promotion of Christian Missions, through a program of study, prayer, giving and action.

Section 2. Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, recognizing the autonomy of district, associational and church Woman's Missionary Union organizations, shall cooperate on each level to achieve unity of purpose and collective action.

Section 3. Offerings shall include Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, Annie Armstrong Easter offering for Home Missions, Margaret Lackey offering for State Missions, and WMU Special Day offering.

Article IV.

MEMBERS: The members of Woman's Missionary Union organizations in churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention shall comprise the membership of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Article V. Officers:

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary and associate recording secretary. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one year. The term of elected officers shall not exceed six years, and one year shall elapse before officers may be eligible for election to the previously held office. The term of office shall begin at the final adjournment of the annual meeting.

Section 2. The duties of the various officers shall be such as are specified in these by-laws, and the policy of the Executive Board of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Section 3. Should a vacancy occur during the year, the nominating committee shall present to the Executive Board a nominee for election to fill such vacancy.

Section 4. The nominating committee shall be composed of the district directors.

Section 5. At the annual meeting the recording secretary shall call a

meeting of the Nominating Committee for organization, at which time a chairman, a co-chairman and secretary shall be elected.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least two months prior to the next annual meeting for the election of nominees. The chairman shall call the meeting, designating time and place and notify all members at least two weeks in advance.

Section 7. The Nominating Committee shall elect the following nominees each year: president, vice-president, recording secretary, and associate recording secretary.

Section 8. As soon as possible after electing nominees, the Nominating Committee shall obtain the consent of all nominees.

Section 9. The chairman shall bring the report of the Nominating Committee to Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union in annual meeting.

Section 10. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Should there be more than one nominee for an office, election shall be by ballot; the nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

Article VII. Meetings:

Section 1. A regular meeting of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union shall be held annually, time and place shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The program plans for the annual meeting shall be approved by the WMU Executive Board.

Section 3. Woman's Missionary Union members present in any session of an annual meeting shall constitute the voting body. Business shall be conducted when scheduled in the printed annual meeting program; exceptions shall be made only when the body votes in a previous session of the same annual meeting to schedule an additional business session.

Section 4. Conferences and other meetings shall be held as authorized by the Executive Board.

Section 5. The Executive Board:

Section 1. The membership of the Executive Board shall be the officers, district directors and district associate directors whose tenure of office shall not exceed six years, and one year shall elapse before one would be eligible for election to the previously held office. The president, vice-president, executive secretary, treasurer, recording secretary and associate recording secretary of the Union shall hold like positions on the Executive Board. The professional staff shall be ex-officio members on the Executive Board without vote.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held semi-annually, the time and place to be

fixed by the Board.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president, or shall be called at the request of at least one-third of the voting members of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall nominate all executive and professional personnel on the staff of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union to be elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall be responsible for formulating broad policies and for integrating the work of the committees of the Board and professional staff.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall perform its tasks through committees appointed by the president.

Section 7. The Executive Board shall hold and administer all property and funds on behalf of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, and shall have the power of trustees in business matters, such as acquiring and conveying property.

Section 8. The Executive Board shall hold the executive secretary, treasurer responsible for the administration, development, and execution of established plans, policies and board programs of the Executive Board.

Article IX. Committees:

Section 1. The president and the executive secretary - treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees of Woman's Missionary Union except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Committees, standing of special, except those herein provided, shall be appointed by the president as authorized by Woman's Missionary Union, or the Executive Board.

Article X.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern Woman's Missionary Union in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these by-laws.

Article XI.

AMENDMENTS: The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been published in two issues of the Baptist Record at least one month before the WMU Convention and has also been submitted in writing to the Executive Board at its last semi-annual meeting. Such proposed amendment must be presented on the first day of the annual WMU meeting, action, on same being deferred until a subsequent session.

Man does not know what to do about death. He ignores it, postpones it, plays like it will go away, and when it happens he decorates it. But still it comes, his fateful and final enemy. — Albert McClellan in "The New Times," Broadman Press.

Names In The News



FOUR CANDIDATES for deacons will be ordained January 25, 2:30 p.m., at Oakka Church. From left to right are: Jerry Craft; David Alford; Charles Carruth; and Ken Morris. The ordination service will include the charge to the church by Rev. William G. Gordon, the Oakka pastor; and ordination sermon by Rev. David Millican, pastor of South McComb Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Michel S. Simonsaux, missionary appointees, were scheduled to sail on Jan. 10 for Japan (address: 350, 2-chome, Nishi Okubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan). He is a native of New Orleans. The former Bonnie Rushing, she was born in Magnolia, Miss., and lived in Summit, Miss., and New Orleans while growing up.

Pvt. Gaines T. Shambarger, whose father is Rev. Gordon T. Shambarger, Chaplain for Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, is in basic training at Fort Ord, California. At the completion of this training, Pvt. Shambarger will be attached to a Quartermaster Company at the old Air Base in Jackson for the remainder of his six month term of enlistment, to be followed by six years in the reserves. He will return to Mississippi College this summer for his junior year.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond B. Moses Jr., missionary appointees to Nigeria, will attend the 14-week missionary orientation program beginning Jan. 12 at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga. (address: P. O. Box 530, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). He is a native of Orlando, Fla.; she is the former Mary Ann Pugh, a Mississippian. Born in Columbus, she grew up in a rural area near Brooksville.

F. Eugene Brasher has been elected Assistant Professor of Conducting by New Orleans Seminary Board of Trustees, effective August 1, 1970. Brasher will replace Clifford Tucker, who resigned in 1968 after prolonged illness. Brasher, an NQBS alumnus (M.S.M., 1959), is presently completing requirements for his Doctor of Performing Arts Degree at Florida State University.



Rev. Eric Hammarstrom has been called as pastor of Wanilla Church, where he began work in December. A native of Franklin County, he is a senior at Mississippi College. He is married to the former Bobbie Coon of Enterprise, and they have two children, Eric, Jr., 3, and Teresa, 4 months. They plan to move on the field in May. He succeeds Dr. Louis C. Scholle who resigned in September.

Stanley Bowman of Locust Street Church, McComb, received an 11-year perfect attendance Sunday school pin on January 4. Mr. Bowman has taught Junior boys for the past 21 years and has led several of these boys to the Lord. John David Forrest is Sunday school Superintendent and Rev. Lester L. Hill is pastor.

Enters Evangelism

Rev. Glen Savell, pastor of Springville Church, Springville, Alabama, has resigned to enter the field of full-time evangelism. A native of Mississippi he first became a pastor at nineteen. He has pastored in Mississippi, Florida, and Alabama.

While in college, he was widely used as a youth evangelist. During his pastoral experience he has not only been used as evangelist, but also as a Bible conference speaker. While at Springville, the church led the association in baptisms and total additions. He is married to the former Becky Seale of Chickasaw, Alabama. They have one daughter, Janae. Temporary Address: P. O. Box 188, Springville, Alabama 35146 Phone: 467-5673.



Rev. Charles Dampier, pastor of Easthaven Church in Brookhaven, visited the Holy Land and Greece during the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Westly Case, members of Easthaven, also made the trip.

Two alumni of William Carey College were among the graduates at Southwestern Seminary on December 19. Robert Gerald Magee received the Master of Church Music degree; Alva Ray McCorkle received the Master of Religious Education degree.

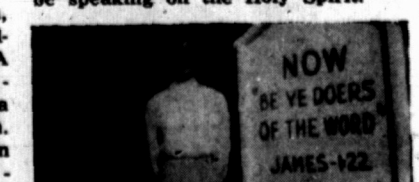
Donna Taylor has been called by Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, as full-time minister of music-education.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Union and Mrs. Taylor is from McComb. They are the parents of one child. Mr. Taylor served the South McComb Church for almost three years before moving to Brookhaven on January 7. Rev. Charles Dampier is pastor of Easthaven.

Rev. Gwin Turner, previously pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, now pastor of First Church Mar Vista, Los Angeles, California will be featured speaker at three of the state evangelism conferences meeting this month. He spoke once at the California Evangelism Conference, Bakersfield, January 12 - 13, on the subject, "The Gospel Is For All People." He will be speaking four times at the New Mexico Conference in Albuquerque, January 19-21. There he will be majoring on methods in evangelism. At the Michigan Conference, Lansing, January 22-23, he will be speaking on the Holy Spirit.

Donna and Marsha Powell have recently received their six-year pins for perfect attendance in Sunday school at Topeka Church, Jayess.

Dr. Wesley Ellis has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Leakesville, to assume the pastorate of Handsboro Church at Handsboro. In Greene County Association he was serving as Sunday school superintendent and music director, and was representative on the Jones County Junior College BSU Advisory Council.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

Jesus Interprets God's Law

Blessings Of Salvation

By Clifton J. Allen
Matthew 5:7

The viewpoint to be kept constantly in mind in this unit of lessons is that God was revealing himself through Jesus Christ and acting through Christ to accomplish his purpose for the redemption of men. We therefore consider the most crucial aspects of Jesus' ministry. In this lesson we see him in the role of Master Teacher, the interpreter of God and of God's way for man.

The Lesson Explained KINGDOM RIGHTEOUSNESS (vv. 17-20)

The religious leaders had accused Jesus of being a lawbreaker — because of his indifference to legalistic traditions and ceremonies. He was in no sense a lawbreaker. He demonstrated perfect obedience to God's law. He validated and confirmed its authority. He did the perfect will of God and therefore showed his life what obedience to the law of God meant. Therefore, not even the smallest aspect of the law was to be disregarded. Christians must accept to the full the obligation to obey the moral law, as set forth in the Old Testament and as perfectly exhibited in Jesus' life, and strive to teach others to do likewise.

The righteousness of the kingdom is much more than legalism, the obeying of rules and keeping of traditions and ceremonies after the pattern of the scribes and the Pharisees. It must be righteousness which finds its source in a new heart indwelt by Christ and finds its quality in deeds of goodness made possible through the power of Christ and lived out under the compulsion of his lordship. Jesus went on to illustrate the quality of kingdom righteousness in terms of respect for persons, purity in mind and heart to overcome lust, and truthfulness in speech as a matter of integrity. In other words, kingdom righteousness means rightness of purpose and thought and attitude and practice.

A NEW KIND OF GOODNESS (vv. 38-48)

The highest level of goodness is that which exceeds the level of strict obligation or strict duty. It rises to the level of generosity, forbearance, courageous endurance, and self-giving love. This is goodness which partakes of the character of God: it is goodness made possible by partaking of the nature of God through faith in Christ.

The goodness appropriate to a Christian shows itself in willingness to be imposed on and mistreated rather than to fight back. A Christian must not retaliate evil for evil or be determined to protect personal rights. One is to love his neighbor. The "hate thine enemy" is not a literal quotation from the Old Testament. But well as friends, those who persecute friends, those who persecute as well as those who help. For God's love is the love of the meek and the lowly.

To love persons who reciprocate with love is no more than a pagan level. To love enemies, disreputable persons, and persons of other nations and races is to act like God, for "God is love." This is the kind of goodness expected of the Christian, striving to be as

much like the Heavenly Father as one can be.

BEING AND DOING

The Sermon on the Mount teaches with unmistakable clarity a basic truth of the Christian gospel. Being and doing go together. Mind, heart, and body go together. Faith and works go together. Love and obedience go together. Christ made it ever so clear that the fruit of the tree is the evidence of its nature: a good tree is known by good fruit; a bad tree bears bad fruit. To say "Lord, Lord" is not enough. If Jesus Christ is Lord, there is a new being; and doing the will of the Heavenly Father is the evidence which is convincing to God and man.

Truths to Live By

Christians are bound by moral imperatives. — The fact that the Christian is not saved by doing the works of the Law — that is, by keeping the commandments of God — but by the grace of God in Christ does not mean that he is free to ignore the moral imperative and do what is evil. To use Paul's phrase, God forbid! The Christian is bound, to the highest degree, to strive always to do what is right.

Make-believe religion will not pass. — Jesus' severest words of rebuke, while he was on the earth, were directed against the hypocrites, the make-believe religionists of his day. We can be certain that words no less severe ring out against the make-believe religionists of our day. Who can be so foolish as to ignore the need for personal application of the words of warning coming from Christ?

Rev. W. C. Sledge Dies At Pontotoc

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 30, for Rev. W. C. Sledge, retired Baptist pastor living in Pontotoc. A native of Pontotoc county, his earlier pastoral assignments included the Baptist church at Hattiesburg, Shaw and Sledge, Mississippi. The latter part of his ministry was spent in North Carolina where he served the church in Lowell, North Carolina; and his last pastorate was an eleven-year ministry at Southside Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

At the time of his death he was a member of First Baptist Church of Pontotoc. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Dr. W. Levon Moore, and by Dr. W. E. Prout of Columbus.

MC Second Semester Begins On Jan. 28

Mississippi College has announced deadlines for admission applications for the second semester which opens Jan. 28.

Van D. Quick, director of admissions, said that the latest date for accepting applications for undergraduate students who plan on attending Mississippi College second semester is Saturday, Jan. 31.

Romans 5:1-21
By Bill Duncan

In our times we talk a lot about happiness, prosperity, security and many other things that our world craves. Yet there is in our salvation some blessings that the world also wants more than these that have been mentioned, and many do not know how to get them. Many people today are talking about the "difference" of Christians. We need to emphasize the blessings we have in salvation, and how to get them. Let us major on the positive notes of our faith. This is what the world wants to hear. This is what they need.

The over-all theme of the fifth chapter of Romans is that we are saved by grace. The latter section (5:12-21) is an interpretation of salvation by grace. God does something for us that we cannot do for ourselves. Man is helpless to save himself from the wrath of God and the consequences of his sin, but God can save him and does. Grace has been called the unmerited favor of God. This is the greatest blessing of man. When man is helpless and calls upon God for salvation, God responds with help.

The Fruits of Justification 5:1-5

To be justified is to be made righteous. Many have counted justification as the action of God, to count or act as if many were not guilty. But God does more than tear up the ticket; he makes the man so that he does not want to speed again. God makes man right so that he wants and does right.

(1) Peace. Because the Christian has been reconciled by God he has no hostility toward God. He knows the inner peace of forgiveness. He knows the peaceful relationship with God. The full peace with God has come through our Lord Jesus Christ and because of what he did for us on Calvary.

(2) Hope (2b). We have reason to boast of the hope of the glory of God. We have assurance and certainty. Because we have been justified, we will excel in glory and shall share in that glory in God. We will have a role in the consummation of the Kingdom.

(3) Love (5b). "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts." The agent is the Holy Spirit, to cause us to love by means of his work and presence. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Love. The Holy Spirit fills the heart with goodness and truth. The Basis of Justification.

The basis of salvation by grace is love for sinners and the reconciliation effected by the death of Christ. Nothing on the part of man could merit God's love or Christ's sacrifice. Man was weak and helpless. Man was a sinner because he had missed the mark in life. Love took the initiative providing a sacrifice for sin. "God has shown his love in this way, proved his love to this degree, and shared his love at this cost."

Five times in this section we have seen the thought, "Christ died for the ungodly." Nothing less than a vicarious sacrifice that was innocent, holy, eternal, and divine could make the atonement for sin. Christ became our substitute.

Because we are saved by grace we have no reason to exult over ourselves. All we can do is to have gratitude for God's redeeming love. We have no reason to fear the judgment of God. There is great confidence in God.

What does "saved by his life" mean? (Romans 5:10). There have been many theories. What do you think of this? We are brought into right status before God by virtue of the sacrifice of the cross and the resurrection from the dead, but we are saved by faith in the living Saviour. Christ lives in us to bring about our full salvation.

The Interpretation of Justification 5:12-21

To illustrate what Christ has done for mankind, Adam is shown as the one who brought the need for salvation to this world. Sin entered into the world through the fall, through Adam's disobedience. Man has inherited from Adam the flesh that is bent toward sin and reacts to God in the conscious acts of sin after one matures to the point of moral responsibility.

But Christ represents and is the head of new humanity. It was the obedience of Christ that brought to this world justification and life. Death came because of sin and was made mandatory, but life is voluntary and dependent on faith in Christ.

Adam represents sin, but Christ represents grace. The results of sin have brought moral chaos, but grace has brought eternal life to the spiritual death. Sin is not the end. There is hope in grace.

E. D. Galloway Dies

Edward Davis Galloway, former Southern Baptist missionary to China and Thailand, died Jan. 11 following heart failure in an Oak Ridge, Tenn., hospital. Galloway, who was 51, had entered the hospital for observation. He had been pastor of First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, since 1957.

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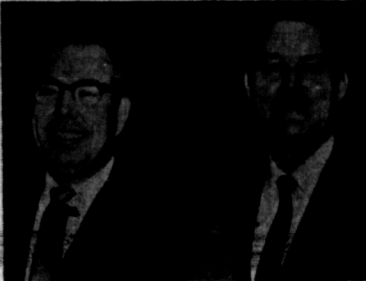
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Chief Of Medical Staff

Dr. Noel C. Womack, Jr., left, has been elected president of the Medical Staff of Mississippi Baptist Hospital for the calendar year 1970. Shown with him is Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator.

The new vice-president is Dr. Robert P. Henderson, who served in 1969 as a member of both the Isotope Committee and the Utilization Review Committee.

Secretary of the Medical Staff for 1970 is Dr. H. C. Ethridge, a member of the Tissue Committee, who succeeds Dr. William S. Cook.

Hebron Burns \$8000 Note

Following the morning service, Sunday, January 11, Hebron Church, Grenada, burned an \$8000 note, and became debt free.

The church had borrowed money to build an auditorium in 1963 and in five years paid off the debt. During this time the membership gave other money beside that which was borrowed. Also, all money received on each Homecoming Day during this period was applied on the debt.

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Devotional

A Faithful Slave

By Tom Douglas, Associate
Sunday School Department

It seems to be an age of rebellion. The very nature of things seems to encourage rebellion against the establishment. Honor is often given to those who refuse to accept authority. People who have places of responsibility find that their word is questioned. Often the employees indicate that they wish to be the ones to say what will be done. We see this reaction today in student movements, but we must not entirely blame the students since our labor unions have clearly set the example of wanting to take things into their own hands.

Rebellion is no new thing. The act of rebellion is as old as man himself. The letter to Philemon is in reference to rebellion. Onesimus, the slave, had committed some wrong against his master and had run away rather than suffer the punishment which would come to him. He was rebelling against the establishment. Onesimus came to Rome, no doubt thinking that in the great city he could lose himself in the multitudes of people and not be discovered. We do not know how it happened, but in some way he came in contact with the apostle Paul who was a prisoner in Rome and because of this contact was converted. It would seem that Paul and Onesimus were instantly attracted to each other and a warm friendship resulted. In the course of the friendship Onesimus revealed to Paul his problem and Paul wrote a letter to Philemon, the master of Onesimus. Paul was aware that if he should request it Philemon would probably assign Onesimus to be his servant and to care for him. However, he would not take that privilege and therefore, sent Onesimus back to his slavery. It is obvious that Onesimus went freely, for the conversion experience had made him aware of his guilt in wronging his master.

Paul in his letter to Philemon says some very moving and tender things and in the midst of this says of Onesimus, verse 11, "Which in times past was to thee unprofitable but now profitable to thee and to me." Onesimus has been an unfaithful servant and therefore an unprofitable servant but as he returns he is returning as one who will be exceeding profitable. In other words, becoming a Christian reached down into this experience of slavery and changed a man who was a slave, causing him to be a better slave by having the interests of his master at heart. This is even more impressive when we realize that this slave now has an inner freedom which could cause him to rebel at his slavery. (Is he not a brother?)

Is this not the very essence of Christianity? Becoming a Christian should so change a person's outlook toward all of life that even if his job is as lowly as that which befell a slave, it should mean his giving of self in faithful service. This, in itself would be a testimony of the real power and meaning of Christianity.



Central, Golden, To Build New Church

GROUND BREAKING — Pictured above are a group attending the ground breaking for the new Central Church to be located on the parsonage lot just across the railroad in Golden. The church voted unanimously to erect the new building. Construction began on Monday, December 15. The building chairman are: Tulon Franks, Carlos Ginn, Claude Mcanally, Kelly Hester, J. C. Keeton, and Pastor Coye Marbutt.



At Salem: 'An Angel For Every Occasion'

THE YOUTH OF Salem Church, Tyertown, Walthall County, presented a Christmas play entitled "An Angel For Every Occasion." The cast is pictured above. The chorus included members of the Intermediate, Junior, Beginner, and Senior groups. The play was directed by Mrs. Willie Pittman and Mrs. Thurman Boone.

A Warning for people who carry credit cards.



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Pontotoc Enlarges Ministry To Youth

First Church, Pontotoc, has enlarged its ministry to youth by the operation of a weekly recreational program. The Annex (old parsonage) has been converted into an Activities Building and is equipped with recreational facilities, including a kitchen, a television lounge with color television, game rooms with ping pong, pool, and other table games. The building is open every Saturday night for the youth of the church and community, and is under the supervision of a youth activities committee composed of five adults and four young people. An average of between thirty and forty young people are at the building each Saturday night. Mrs. David Naugher, Coordinator of the Youth Division, is Chairman of the Committee. Dr. W. Levon Moore is pastor.

Called To Mendenhall

First Church, Mendenhall, has called George Van Egmond as minister of music education, and youth, effective February 1. He had served in a similar position at First, New Albany, for the past eleven years. Other churches he has served include 15th Avenue, Meridian; First, Moss Point; and First, Vicksburg.

Born at Nebern, North Carolina, Mr. Van Egmond received his education at Vicksburg City Schools, LSU, and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Lois Everett, who is a state special worker with Intermediates in Sunday school. They have three married children, one of whom is minister of music at Goodyear Church, Picayune.

While at New Albany, Mr. Van Egmond began established a graded choir program, and a kindergarten program, began an annual youth choir tour, summer youth retreat, and a family night program.

First, Mendenhall, Rev. James E. Smith, pastor, has just completed a \$312,000 education building which includes a choir suite, with offices, and choir room.

In the Bible we are confronted with the elements of faith and hope. These cannot be measured or analyzed as one would measure or analyze a material substance. — C. E. Colton in "Questions Christians Ask," Broadman Press.

Hazlehurst Commends Rowe Holcomb Their Pastor For Twenty-One Years

Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb has requested that First Church, Hazlehurst, accept his resignation, effective March 31, 1970. He plans to retire and to continue to live in Hazlehurst.

The congregation desires to go on record in expressing appreciation for the outstanding record and services rendered by Mr. Holcomb and has adopted a resolution to that effect:

"First Church, Hazlehurst, extended a call to Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb on January 12, 1949. He accepted the call and he, Mrs. Holcomb, and his daughter, Mary Gay, arrived February 15, 1949, and began a tenure of service that has proven to be the longest of any of the eighteen pastors of this church — twenty-one years and 12 days (up to Centennial date). A son, Rowe C. Holcomb, Jr. was born on February 26, 1956.

"The church sold the old pastor's home to the City School Board for \$10,000 and purchased the L. A. Kemp residence and lot on Extension Street for the pastor's home for the sum of \$16,000.

"Under the leadership of Rev. Holcomb the church acquired extensive property east of the church building and upon this property a chapel and two-story educational building was constructed. The educational building alone has three assembly rooms and 25 class rooms. The church budget has been increased from year to year to the present amount of \$10,000.00. The church has operated each year under a well planned budget. The total expenditures of the church under the leadership of Holcomb amounted to \$1,476,278, total Cooperative Program amounted to \$136,000, and the total mission gifts amounted to \$249,578.

"During the tenure of Holcomb, the church has had 414 new members by baptism, and 797 by transfer of letter, making a total of 1211 new members. The present church membership is 846. Therefore, Rev. Holcomb's addition to the church is 265 more than the present membership.

"Pastor Holcomb has officiated in 201 weddings, and assisted in 518 funerals. He has served six years as a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and five years as a member of the Christian Action Commission and has served twice as moderator of the Copiah Association, and he has refused to follow any trend toward liberalism in theology, remaining true to Bible interpretation.

"The membership of the First Baptist Church is deeply indebted to Rev.

Holcomb for its progress and achievement in carrying on God's work during the time he has served as pastor. "BE IT RESOLVED that the congregation of First Church of Hazlehurst, regrets that Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb will no longer be its pastor after March 31, 1970, and unanimously commends him and Mrs. Holcomb for their fine Christian leadership. They have proven to be a dedicated team following the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their work. This congregation and community will always be deeply indebted to them."

S. S. Consultant To Visit Book Store

Dr. Charles Treadway, Consultant in General Field Services Section of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the Baptist Book Store all day January 28, 1970, for consultation regarding new materials for the 1970-71 Sunday School use. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity of consulting with Dr. Treadway, call the Baptist Book Store for an appointment.

Off The Record

That's the Trouble
First startlet: "Think you'll ever get married?"

Second startlet: "I don't know. It seems that every time I want to marry a man for love, I find out he has no money."

Good to the Last Drop
The country lad visited a fancy ice cream store in town for the first time. When he asked for a scoop of vanilla, the clerk gave it to him in an ice cream cone.

After the lad had finished eating, he returned the cone to the clerk, saying, "Thank you for your vase, but I don't need it anymore."

Wrong Road

It was a snow and ice filled Iowa winter. The couple picked up the shivering hitchhiker and drove on. In an attempt to make conversation the driver said, "This street is terrible. The ice-covered and slick to drive."

"Humph," said the hitchhiker. "If you think this is bad you should drive on the sidewalk."



THESE TYERTOWN youths, along with 80 other young people, will present the Christian Folk Musical "Tell It Like It Is" Sunday January 25, 7:00 p. m. at the Tyertown Church. Seated front, left to right: Lorean

Stringer, Kathy Grimsley, back, Ann Crawford, Jane Simmons. Standing left to right: Frank Winn, Walter Wexler, Brian Askew, Wayne Bullock and Rickey Kennedy.

Walthall Youths To "Tell It Like It Is" January 25

By Fay Pittman Simmons
Eighty Walthall County youths will accentuate the positive in song as they "Tell It Like It Is" in a folk musical set for January 25, 7 p. m. at Tyertown Church.

This teenage group, under the direction of David Grimsley, Tyertown minister of music, will sing about

God and the relationship of today's youth to Him, amid the sounds of electric guitars, tambourines, piano, and drums.

Grimsley has directed and toured the young people in the presentation of two other folk musicals, "Good News" and "Purpose."

Many of the Walthall County

churches are expected to forego their regular Sunday night services in order that they might attend the folk musical to which the public is invited.

The group, made up of youths from Baptist churches all over the county, will open the musical with a rousing rendition of the theme, "Tell It Like It Is."

Holly Springs Calls Pastor

Rev. Ricky Gray has accepted the call as pastor of the Holly Springs Church near Columbia, in Marion County. The son of Rev. and Mrs. Guy Gray of Tyertown, he was licensed and ordained by Salem Church where his father is pastor. A graduate of Pearl-McLaurin High School, Jackson, and Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit, he plans to continue his education at Mississippi College. A revival is planned for the church beginning January 21-25. Services will begin at 7 p.m.

play — an outline of the state of Mississippi surrounded by maps of other countries. Lights around the display, each one representing \$75 were turned on each Sunday until all had been lighted.

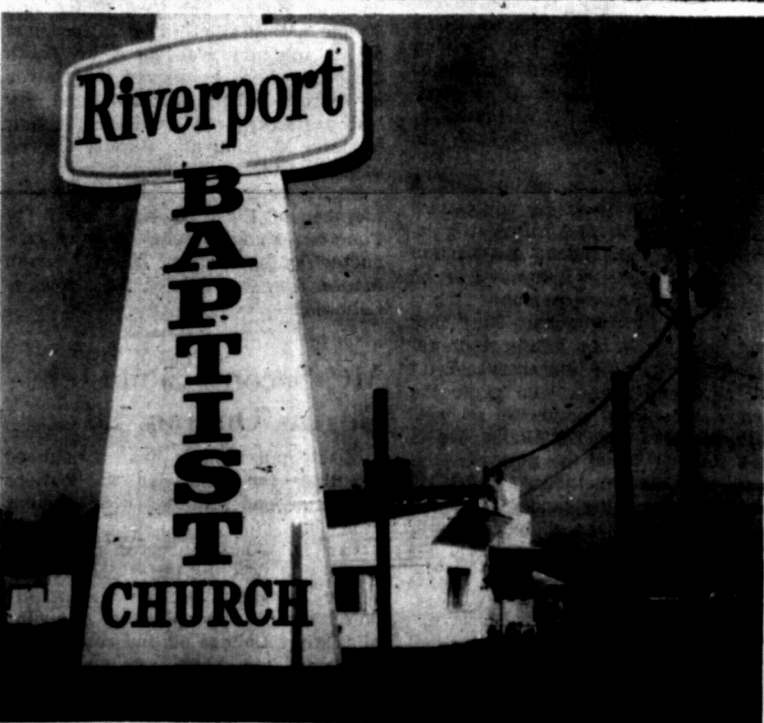
February Topics

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon topics for February are:

- Feb. 1 "The 'Hot Line' to Heaven" — Luke 3:21
- Feb. 8 "A Shocking Thought" — Luke 17:16
- Feb. 15 "Love Is Blind" — Matt. 15:28
- Feb. 22 "Your Turn at Bat" — Col. 1:24

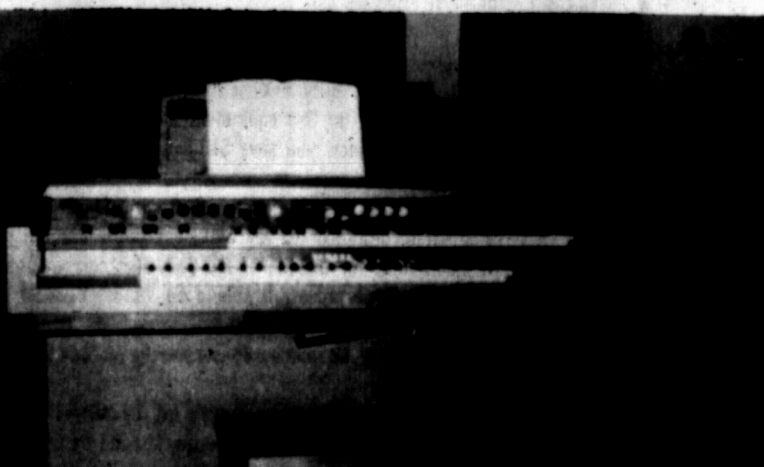
Called To Soso

Rev. Herbert L. Kinmon has resigned the pastorate of Highland Church, Manchester, Tennessee, to accept a call to First Church, Soso. He will be on the field for services Sunday, January 25. Mr. Kinmon is a former Mississippian.



New Church Has BR In Budget

RIVERPORT CHURCH, Greenville, which was organized October 18, 1969, with eleven charter members, on January 15, 1970, had a membership of 47, Sunday school enrollment of 49, and Training Union enrollment of 35. The church is temporarily located on Highway 1 North. Each member receives the Baptist Record through the church budget. Two deacons were ordained, and the congregation adopted a constitution and by-laws, on November 18. Rev. Morris Jones is pastor and Albert Weaver is director of music.



Organ Is Memorial To Former Pastor

A MEMORIAL SERVICE was held January 4 at Oakdale Church near Brandon. An organ was dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. Harold H. Bethune. Funds for the organ were given by friends and relatives. Mr. Bethune had been pastor at Oakdale on two occasions, 1923-1943, and 1949-1961. "He endeared himself to all he met, for he loved people warmly and loved God supremely and this love was manifested openly," states Rev. H. B. Nail, present pastor. Members of Oakdale wish to express their appreciation to all who shared in making this memorial possible. The members of the Memorial Fund Committee were Mrs. David Swiley, Lonnie Brown, Mrs. Jewell Myers, Mrs. Blanche Bethune, and Curtis Baker, chairman.